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In re Application of:

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REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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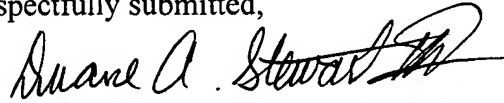
Sir:

In reply to the Office Action mailed June 20, 2006, requesting restriction to a single invention in the above-referenced patent application, Applicants hereby elect Group I, including claims 1-11.

This election is made without prejudice to or disclaimer of the other species disclosed. Applicants reserve the right to file divisional patent applications claiming priority to this application and to the provisional applications from which this application claims priority for the non-elected species at a later date. Applicants also reserve the right to rejoinder. This election is made without traverse.

It is believed that an extension of five months is necessary to make this response timely. A petition and fee for a five month extension are enclosed. If further payment is needed to make this response timely, please charge the fee for same to Deposit Account No. 02-4800, in the name of Buchanan Ingersoll PC.

Respectfully submitted,



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